

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1899.
HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINERS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

Going South: 8:15 A. M. and 8:35 P. M.
Going North: 9:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M.
T. B. & H.

Leaves San Marcos 9:30 A. M. and 9:00 P. M.
arrives 8:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M.

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Ice cream every day at the Red Diamond.

Fresh corned Corned Beef, at CHRISTIAN & WILLS.

Needles, oils and repairing old machines by BART DAILEY.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos, Tex.

For delicious, cooling beverages of all kinds go to the Red Diamond.

Towns, Organisms, Hygiene, etc., at lower prices. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

The World Renowned Ester Organ. On easy terms. CHARTER & KNOTT.

New Goods constantly coming in. H. HART & CO.

Oranges, Bananas and Lemons. CHRISTIAN & WILLS.

For the best cigars in town go to the Red Diamond.

Just received, fresh supply of Green & Blackwell's Jams at CHRISTIAN & WILLS.

The "White" is conceded to be the best machine on the market. BART DAILEY, agt.

ON ICE—Butter and Eggs, at CHRISTIAN & WILLS.

Milkery. Mrs. Richardson is constantly receiving now and beautiful goods.

Business is booming with the White Sewing Machine now. BART DAILEY, agt.

Thos. Taylor has rented the City Bakery and will furnish bread every day, besides every thing in the provision line you want.

Call at Johnson & Johnson's and make selection of nice Spring Dress Goods at reduced prices—of which there is a full assortment.

Notice. C. W. Anderson of San Marcos, Deputy Hide & Animal Inspector, Taysa County, marit.

Notice—something New. I am now prepared to buy, sell, exchange or rent out all kinds of second hand furniture. G. VOGLER.

A full supply of Twine and Wire as also Extras for McCormack Binders and Mowers also the latest improved Binder and Mower, at reduced prices on hand. Wm. Gray.

To the Ladies. You can have your hair either cut or hair combed made up into nice buns, by calling on Mrs. J. A. Bell at Dailey & Brothers, or at the Webb residence on San Antonio St.

Mrs. T. K. Hutchins. South side of the square, has perhaps the most attractive stand in the way in the city. Fruits, candies, nuts, etc., are among her specialties, and all fresh and nice. Don't fail to give her a call.

The mover to buy is where a lot of extra are kept. G. W. Douglas & Co. have a supply on hand for their "obsolescence" children, so now you need to wait for an order to the factory or elsewhere when you break down.

Cut in Dress Goods. We announce a reduction in summer Dress Goods from this date. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Feel Free! The San Marcos Ice Factory is now in successful operation. Daily capacity, 6000 pounds of the purest and best ice manufactured in the state. Bore from 25 to 100 lbs. furnished. Price moderate.

Don't forget to call on Peter Bonhardt, the tailor, first before purchasing your mens' and boys' suits. He will suit you to the goods and make them up at a cheap, if not cheaper, than the same can be bought ready made, and of course much better and more satisfactory. So patronize home industry and save money.

Some of the things you will find at H. Hardy & Co's: Fresh Prunes, Fresh Currants, Fresh Pearl Grapes, Fresh Cereals, the celebrated Princess Tea, Garden Seeds, Onion Sets, Irish Seed Potatoes, Unwashed Ham, Breakfast Bacon, and in fact everything in the way of staple and fancy Groceries at prices as low as the lowest.

OSBORNE MOWERS. Reapers and Self Binders, and Extras for same, also.

Binder Twine. We also call the celebrated THOMAS RAKE.

For Sale. A farm of forty-seven acres, sixteen acres irrigated, the acres in alfalfa crop, two sets of dwellings about two hundred yards apart and other out buildings. A hydraulic ram that supplies the dwelling with water, a reservoir and a trough for stock, a fish pond with German carp, the water works and irrigation are from a spring that stands the test of the driest seasons. A good bearing orchard of peaches, pears, apples, plums, cherries, etc., grapes, the property fronts the Mexican river near town. I would take half in San Marcos city property in a desirable location, or cash bid down, before on time at well considered. The above property is one of the finest pieces in Texas for the money. For further information address THOMAS RAKE, 1000 N. 10th St., El Paso, Texas.

Rev. Mr. Young preached in the Presbyterian church, at this place, last Monday night, to a large and attentive audience.

Business is very dull among our merchants just but they anticipate a brisk trade this fall if the present favorable outlook for crops continues.

A close observer of men and things in San Marcos states that during his sojourn of a month here he has not seen a drunken man upon our streets.

Mr. Iglehart was interred in the cemetery at this place last Sabbath. His remains were accompanied to the grave by a host of bereaved friends.

The Coronel Institute gave a holiday to its pupils on Wednesday for the purpose of enabling them to attend the dedication of the Capitol at Austin.

The May term of the County Commissioners Court convened Monday and adjourned Tuesday, in order to give its members a chance to attend the Austin festival.

Extra passenger trains have been running on the I. G. & N. since Monday, owing to the great influx of people into Austin to attend the capitol dedication and military reviews.

The churches in our town have organs of more than ordinary merit, and the choirs are exceptionally good. Nothing is more conducive to worship in its truest sense than music.

The foliage which clothes the trees upon the mountains which overlook our town, is a beautiful sight, in a deeper green than has ever been known before, even by our "oldest inhabitant."

Roses are becoming a rarity on our lawns and their absence brings a feeling of sadness to all lovers of this beautiful flower and causes them to long for a climate where the flowers never fade.

We received a copy of the Christian Advocate containing a well-written tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Ellen Hunkle, from the pen of Rev. Mr. Joyce, which will receive attention in our next.

The crowds at the depot in this place swelled the arrival of trains have been phenomenally large the past week, but our belles and beaux appeared to patiently endure the prolonged delay of their arrival.

Baggy riding is indulged in to a considerable extent by the young folks of our town every Sabbath. We would suggest a change to horseback riding, which is much more conducive to health—and then what is practical than a pretty excursion.

A card from Grandpa Hunt, of Kyle, informs us that Sullivan and Mitchell are in Kyle, and "Mitchell" is still "on dock," so feeling his inevitable right, and selling fresh eggs and butter cheaper than ever. That's right, Grandpa.

The streets of our town present a rather unbecomingly desolate appearance now, on many of our "fair women and brave men" are at present sojourning in the capital city for the purpose of participating in the festivities attendant upon the dedication of the capitol.

A collection for the purchase of Sunday School books was taken up at the Methodist church last Sabbath and the handsome sum of \$50.00 realized in a few moments, which speaks well for the liberality of the people of that denomination. The school numbers 200 pupils.

In a few more days the corn and grain crop in this vicinity will be an assured fact, and should the weather continue favorable the cotton crop will be beyond danger by the middle of July. The eye never rested upon a fairer, more cheering prospect than that presented by the fields around our beautiful town.

It has been suggested that the honorable sages of the City Council could appropriately make some provision for lighting the public square and the road to the depot by means of electricity. "Gold" and good sidewalks on the principal streets might prove a very fair substitute for electric light and street cars.

The editor has been absent since Sunday morning, taking in the Press Association meeting and its incidents at Dallas, and spent yesterday, on his return, at Austin, where he witnessed the capitol dedication services. Some report of these matters may be expected in our next. Our readers are indebted for the preparation of the matter of the present issue to Mr. C. W. Phelps, our foreman.

How great must be the virtue of ventilation when even inanimate objects require it for their preservation? A rock building on the north side of the square was built only some half dozen years since, yet the timber supporting the floor in the rooms below was found to be so decayed that they had to be replaced by new ones, and a new floor laid. The lack of air, as stated by experienced builders, was the cause of the speedy decay. The room is now supplied with ventilation to obviate further trouble. Who will say that fresh air is not important to everything?

Base Ball and Concert at Kyle. The Freeman's celebration at Kyle on Friday last was a very successful affair. Many young ladies and gentlemen from this place attended and expressed themselves as much pleased with the courtesy and hospitality extended them. A delegation from the Fire Department here was also in attendance. In the base ball game between the San Marcos and Kyle clubs much interest was felt by the spectators, and when the San Marcos club was declared winner, a shade of disappointment and chagrin overspread the lively faces of many of the young ladies of Kyle and vicinity, who seemed very anxious that their home club should be the victor. The entertainment given at night seemed to have been exceptionally good, particularly L. J. Porter's impersonation of a negro character, which is representative to have been superior to that of many professionals. The young folks returned to their homes in the "two car" house of the morning, and, happily, with the day's entertainment.

Was He Chloroformed?

A Mexican entered the candy store of an Italian in our town Tuesday afternoon, and as the Italian called, pulled out a paper containing some unknown substance and asked him to examine it. Upon inhaling it the Italian fell senseless upon the floor. At this moment the boy entered the store, whereupon the Mexican desisted before accomplishing his purpose, whatever it might have been. The boy discovered the Italian lying upon the floor and gave the alarm. Dr. Bell was called in and succeeded in restoring the Italian to consciousness, whereupon he told the above story. No drug of instantaneous effect is known to medical science, and if one did exist it would have produced the same effect upon the one who administered it as upon his intended victim. A vigorous search was made for the mysterious刺客, but he has not been captured at this writing. The story is rather queer.

A gentleman of culture and extensive and varied experience as a traveler, was heard to remark recently that San Marcos had in proportion to population, more beautiful, intelligent and well dressed girls than any other place on the continent.

San Marcos Public School.

The annual examination in the San Marcos Public School will begin Tuesday, May 23, 1899.

Tuesday, History and English Grammar in A and B grades. Geography and Reading in C and D grades.

Wednesday, Arithmetic and Algebra in A and B grades. Grammar and Dictation Exercises in C and D grades.

Thursday, Geography and Physiology in A and B grades. Arithmetic and History in C and D grades.

Primary grades Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Reading Numbers, Object Lessons, Reading and Spelling.

As the schools this year are deprived of an assembly room, the general exercises will be omitted.

Personal.

E. S. Martin, of Blanco, visited friends in this place last week.

Gas Cook, of the Houston Light Infantry ran down to San Marcos Tuesday.

Mr. C. H. Ward, son of our fellow-citizen, Mr. J. Ward, was here this week.

Dr. Dalgle, of Helena, Texas, formerly of this place, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Our energetic young "horse" man, Mr. Jim Storey, left for Tennessee with another crew of stock the first of this week.

Mrs. Dr. Patton and Mr. Boyd and sister, of Sulphur Springs, were in town this week. Mrs. Patton is the great "Squire's" clock.

J. M. Wolf, the grocer and tinman, wants the public to know that he delivers all good purchases of him to any part of the city free of charge.

Mr. Chas. Bessett, the popular land agent of Colorado City, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Laura Wright, of Austin, were in town Monday.

Mr. O. R. Bampole and wife, of Mansfield, La., is visiting San Marcos. Mr. B. is, we learn, an old acquaintance of our townsmen, Dr. Beall.

Mr. Perry Sample and wife, who are visiting relatives and friends here, Mr. S. is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Colport.

Mr. Will Malone has just returned from Illinois where he has been selling horses, and reports double, clutch bugs and hard times generally in that section.

Mr. J. V. Hutchins, accompanied by his charming and accomplished niece, Miss Madeline, took the train for Austin last evening to attend the dedication of the capitol at that point.

Mr. E. Northercraft has returned to his home at this place after an absence at Gattsville. He is an important and ardent on the State Reformatory which is being erected at that point.

Mr. E. Northercraft says the reported excitement by the Austinites is very much exaggerated and that the board of public comfort are doing all that can be done to accommodate the vast multitude congregating at that point.

Judge Koss and Jim Lawton returned Monday from El Paso, whither they had gone as delegates to the State Convention of Farmers. They report a good time and express themselves highly gratified with their reception by the El Pasoans.

Probably more than a hundred of our people took the train yesterday morning for Austin to be present at the dedication of the new capitol. The train which was a long one, was closely packed and standing room was hardly to be obtained on the platform.

Walter Dugger, the indefatigable insurance man is doing a land office business this week, having excursionists to Austin in the "Traveler's" car. He issued over thirty on the train, and has employed J. E. Peters to assist him in writing up policies as he is unable to write them fast enough himself to accommodate all applicants.

We were pleased to meet Mr. Bob Malone now of Abilene, on our street yesterday. He reports splendid crop prospects in that section. Says all "our folks" in that neighborhood are doing well. Mr. Malone will spend a few days greeting his many friends and relatives, and taking in the Austin festival. He is accompanied by Mr. C. H. Briggs and wife, also ex-residents of San Marcos, and who have many friends here, were in town this week.

A large stock of summer Dress Goods at KARNED DOWN PRICES. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

For the Free Press: The Literary Society met at the residence of Jas. Dixon on the evening of the 5th inst., with good attendance. Opened by the President by reading 1st Psalm and singing "Up to the Mountain Top." Miss Jessie Breeding, recitation, The Outlaw Shall not Sleep Tonight; Miss Emma Bass, recitation, Power of Indulgence; T. Hilligley, recitation, Truth; Miss Annie Condon, recitation, No Excellence Without Labor; Miss Pearl Condy, recitation, Babes; Miss Mattie Dunn, recitation, Price of a Drinky; reading by Miss Emma Anderson, Integrity; reading by Miss Lu Dixon, Gates Ajar; Dialogue by N. Condy and H. Crocker, song by Miss Edie Crocker, The Water-mill. Adjourned to meet at Mr. Jones, on the Gregory farm, May 12, at 7 p. m.

W. B. Crocker, President. H. Hilligley, Sec'y. M. Dugger, Sec'y.

Notice. I am the only authorized and commissioned agent in the town of San Marcos for the Texas Land and Survey Co. There is another person claiming to represent said company, whose policies will not be recognized by the company in case of accident. Mr. J. E. Peters is the only one authorized to take policies except agents.

W. C. Dugger.

Dripping Springs.

"When it rains it pours" is an old saying which was exemplified in our community this week. We have had three good rains and it did fall heavily for a while, though as all occurred during the night leaving comparatively clear days after, we were not much impeded in our usual routine. The last two rains set the farmers back a little in the work, but it went hurt the crops, and it helps the creeks and branches wonderfully. They are making melody in the woods now.

The rush toward Austin has begun, hither well filled with bright faces are hastening along our roads. In our neighborhood several of our most charming young ladies have departed for the soldiers, among whom are Miss Sallie Nucleo and Miss Danny Crow last week, and Misses Katie and Clotchy Crow this week.

The event of the week was a sociable given at the hospitable mansion of Dr. Pound. Of course the young people had a good time; they always do when entertained by that genial family. Among the ladies present were Misses Phillips, Roberts, Williams, Dilly Graham and Fannie Marshall. Some of the gentlemen Messrs. L. Cavett, W. Graham, Tom Livingston, Will, John and Robert Spay and J. Williams.

Deerberries being ripe it is the fashion for parties to start forth armed with pails, and for a good lunch, and return richer than they went; yet I know of several who went forth with laughter, but returned in sadness and with empty pails. Enough for this time. UN BOW AAR.

Yesterday was a beautiful and pleasant day. Old Sol shone out with all his magnificent splendor, and the little dwindling cotton seemed to take on an oily appearance, about the first it has had this spring.

Farmers are too busy now to read the news.

We had the pleasure of listening to two well directed sermons at Bluff Spring school house, delivered by Rev. J. N. Marshall, a young brother from Dripping Springs. He certainly preaches a religion that takes care of the soul and gives the evidence that Christianity has a supernatural foundation. Oh, for more such young men all over this vast country, to rise up and fearlessly advocate the truth to the wandering prodigals; for it seems there has never been a time of more need of religious reformation—judging from the actions and conduct of some of the young people all over this country. They almost despise parental advice, and are drifting to eternal ruin and while we appreciate some of the compliments of your D. H. correspondent, yet we think that on an average the babes are well cared for. It is the young men that need encouragement in place of treating them like some of our town who have been elected to office from their constituents, by giving them the tip of the left hand when they should have a hearty shake of the right. The rise or fall of this country rests with the young men.

While we are no politician our mind naturally drifts into politics. We think the democratic party is now taking the right course and with such men as Cleveland for president and Rose for governor of Texas we ought to be satisfied.

Why did the Times fail to comment on that Old Cried mortgage? In his afraid of exploding a balloon or losing the tail of his kite if he is opposed to the P. A? Let him change the name of the little sheet.

We have always heard of Carter's oats, but never heard of Horton's list recently. HORTON POORE.

Wimberly.

Since my last we have had fair rains. Everybody is cheerful. I don't think I ever saw vegetation grow so rapidly, and the prospect for good crops are better than we have had for several years. Irish potatoes, beans and other vegetables will soon be plentiful.

Had preaching last Sunday by Rev. Garrison, with a good congregation. The third quarterly meeting for this circuit will be held at Wimberly on the first Saturday and Sunday in June. We hope to have representations from all the churches in the work.

Mrs. Julia Egger of Blanco City, spent last week with her relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and daughters, of Purgatory, were here last week, visiting their daughter Mrs. Saunders.

Mrs. Mary Wimberly and Mrs. Wilson made a flying visit to your town last week.

Mrs. Baker, of Kyle, has been visiting her old home this week at Jacob's well. She also made several calls in Wimberly. We were surprised to see her looking so well after all her long and continued illness. Mrs. Baker thinks there is no medicine like the Microbe Killer.

Mrs. Lewis of San Marcos, is in our vicinity visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Gibbs and family, of Wayside, spent one night in Wimberly last week, on their return from Austin where they had been with their little blind boy Charlie. They carried him to the blind institute, but didn't leave him as his health will not admit him just now.

Little J. P. Lantry has been very sick but is up again.

Prof. Sanders has returned from Illinois, where he went with horses. He expects to start out again soon with stock to some unknown part.

Miss Lela Williamson, of Purgatory, spent last week in Wimberly with her sister Mrs. Saunders. A FAREWELL TO THE FREE PRESS.

Two Desirable Residences for Rent. Martin place now occupied by Dr. Lichin, and the Mosher place by Mr. McClellan. Both in good repair and pleasantly located. Possession will be given the first of June. Apply to T. C. JOHNSON.

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